

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1893

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS; TO AUTHORIZE A PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER OR BUSINESS OWNER TO BAN AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL FROM THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OR THE BUSINESS PREMISES; TO REGULATE LIABILITY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY RELATED TO EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE A PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER OR BUSINESS OWNER TO BAN AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL FROM THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OR THE BUSINESS PREMISES; AND TO REGULATE LIABILITY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY RELATED TO EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 14, Subchapter 10, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-14-1005. Emotional support animals on private property or business premises – Liability.

(a)(1) Unless prohibited by the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025, or other existing federal law, a private property owner may ban an emotional support animal from his or her private property.

(2) If the private property is a business, the business owner may ban an emotional support animal from the business premises by:



(A) Verbally telling a customer or visitor that the emotional support animal is not allowed on the business premises; or

(B) Posting a sign in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the business premises stating that emotional support animals are prohibited.

(b) A private property owner or business owner shall not be held liable for an injury to a customer or visitor by an emotional support animal except in a case of gross negligence by the private property owner or business owner.

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